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REVIEWS.

The agricultural Gazette of New South Wales, H. C. L. Anderson, Director, Vol. I, Part 1. Pub. by the Government Printer. [Charles Potter, Government Printer.]

In the next form of an active volume of upwards of 100 pp. we find this first issue of a periodical devoted to the agricultural interests and published by the director of the H. C. L. Anderson, the director of the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics, which is the only formal department. The scope and object of the publication are set forth in the preface of the first number of the Agricultural Statistics. Among these is a return showing the relative imports and exports of agricultural products for New South Wales in 1889, most of the former of which, it is observed, "could have been produced within the colony, while the imports of some of them for the growth of the colony, are not to be regarded as 'expensive'." Considerably upwards of a million sterling, for example, represents the value of excess of import over export of wheat, although in this state net points out almost the whole colony in the production of wheat and barley, the price of the colony is much higher than in any part of the colonies from which we have to import. The figures given have also to do with the extent of cultivation in New South Wales, and are included in a review of the crops of maize, barley, oats, wheat, and rye, and other cereals, as well as with the production of cotton, sugar, tobacco, &c., as well as late news for permanent record as to crops, pasture, weather, rainfall, pests and diseases, prospects of agriculture, extent of land under cultivation, condition of markets and investigations by the department, contributed papers, and, in general, a record of departmental work issued at short intervals in instalments. It will be seen from this statement that the Gazette is designed to run on practical lines.

A preface by the Minister in charge of the Department, Mr. C. L. Anderson, states: "The object of the Gazette is to withdraw the responsibility of the editor, Mr. C. L. Anderson, from the paper, and to give it a more general character. The reader is informed that the resources of the astronomical and statistical branch of the public service will be at the disposal of the editor, and that the services of the experts will be published here, as well as late news for permanent record as to crops, pasture, weather, rainfall, pests and diseases, prospects of agriculture, extent of land under cultivation, condition of markets and investigations by the department, contributed papers, and, in general, a record of departmental work issued at short intervals in instalments. It will be seen from this statement that the Gazette is designed to run on practical lines."

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